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ACCIDENTAL KILLING.

"Empty" Gun Proves Fatal to Alvin Smith.

A very distressing accident happened last Friday about noon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, who live four miles from Lancaster on the Buckeye road.

Alvin Smith, their fourteen year old son and Otto Grow, aged 15 years, and son of the late George Grow, were on the front porch of the Smith home, each having a shot gun in their hands and playfully pointing them at each other, young Smith handling the gun of Grow's while Grow was examining the one owned by Smith, neither knowing that either of the guns were loaded. At this time the gun in the hands of Grow was discharged and the contents entered the head of young Smith from the effects of which he died in a few moments. Mrs. James L. Yantis a neighbor was near the scene of the sad accident and ran to the wounded boy, who expired in her arms a few moments after she reached his side.

Everette Grow an older brother of Otto's was arranging to take the two boys out hunting when the accident occurred. The boys had been intimate friends from childhood and the grief of the Grow boy is pitiful indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were in Madison county at the time of the accident and upon reaching home about four o'clock in the afternoon, their grief was inconsolable and heart-rendering.

Alvin was their youngest son and the idol of the family. A bright lovable boy, with a sunny disposition and loved by all who knew him.

The body was laid to rest last Sunday morning in the cemetery at Manse where short services were held at the grave.

The entire community deeply sympathize with the family in their great loss and may God "who doeth all things well" give them the strength to go through this great trial. Many flowers and beautiful designs were sent in by friends and loved ones.

Dies Suddenly.

Sallie Williams, an old and worthy colored woman was found dead in the bed of her home near Bourne last Sunday morning. A coroner's inquest held over the body later found that she came to her death from heart failure. She was 75 years old and was in apparently good health up to the time of her sudden death. She leaves 5 children, her husband having died about one year ago. She was buried Monday at the old Stone graveyard near her late home.

Splendid Meeting.

Brother Frank Tindler has just closed one of the most interesting meetings ever held at New Bethel, the Church of Christ. He has told and explained the most wonderful points of the new Testament that has ever been explained in this community. More people have acknowledged and believed in him than any other minister in this section.

He has preached the good tidings of Christ Jesus all the way through. He had 5 additions and also one from the Baptist church to cast her membership with people in the church of Christ.



Miss Catherine Curtis as Sammy Lane as she appears in "The Shepherd of the Hills". Romans Opera House, November 17th and 18th.

JAMES B. FRANCIS

Dies Suddenly At His Home Near Paint Lick.

Mr. James B. Francis, in the 81st year of his age, died suddenly at his home near Paint Lick last Saturday night, November 8th, at about eleven o'clock.

He had not been in good health for about two months and about two weeks before his death suffered with a slight paralytic stroke, but had recovered almost entirely. It was thought at the time of his sudden death, which was wholly unanticipated and came as a great shock to his wife and family.

Mr. Francis was well known over this and adjoining counties and had a great many friends, who held him in the highest regard, both as a citizen and as a man.

He had lived in Garrard and Madison counties practically all his life. In 1862 he was married to Miss Fannie Wallace, who together with six children survive him.

The children surviving are: Messrs. Harry and Alex Francis and Mrs. A. K. Lackey of Texas, and Mrs. Saufley Hughes of this city. All the children were at home except Mrs. Lackey and Mr. Alex Francis, who lives in Oklahoma, he reaching home after the burial.

Funeral services were held at the home last Monday morning conducted by Dr. Telford, of Richmond, after which the interment took place in the cemetery at Richmond.

The passing of this good man removes another of our most worthy and esteemed citizens and the sympathy of the community go out to the bereaved family in the loss of a devoted and indulgent father and husband.

TOBACCO MARKET

To Be Opened Here December 3rd.

Everything is in readiness for Lancaster Tobacco Market opening, which time has been set for Wednesday December 3rd. The Garrard Tobacco Warehouse will be ready to receive tobacco on Tuesday, November 25th, and on and after that date the house will remain open both day and night throughout the rest of the season.

Prospects were never brighter for a high market here in Lancaster where the best tobacco in the world is produced and where the best buyers that any market ever had will be on hand.

Eight firms have already contracted for pricing rooms and several more will be here just as soon as these can be arranged for them.

Thousands of pounds of the weed has already been stripped throughout the county and with seasonable weather from now until the day of the sale, the first days sale should be a record breaker.

L. H. S. Wins.

The Lancaster High School Football team defeated the J. C. High School last Friday evening by the score of 12 to 6.

The game was a hard fought one from start to finish and the local lads showed up exceedingly well, being out-weighted and going up against a stronger team, but as Captain Todd Elliott led his string of blue warriors out on the field they had the determination to win.

The local boys played the game of their lives when they held the visitors on their own 3 yard line and regained the ball and carried it out of the danger zone.

The all around playing of Elisha Carrier in the manner that he played the game at Quarter was good, as well as Walker Robinson and Cochran at Halves, while Holtzclaw carried the ball at will through the line for 5 to 10 yard gains.

The two ends Cox and Capt. Elliott played a wonderful game breaking up the visitors interference, while Bratton at center, Rice and Bratton at tackles and Swope and Perkins at Guard held like stone walls.

The team is strengthened at least 50 per cent and some real battles are promised the local admirers of the High School.

Coach Glass B. Carrier is to be congratulated upon the success of the team last Friday and it goes to show that his efforts were not in vain.

Luck to you boys we are all behind you.

GIBBS FARM

Resells At Public Auction.

635 ACRES AVERAGES \$208.50 AN ACRE.

The Luther Gibbs farm purchased by Mr. J. L. Hamilton a few weeks ago, was re-sold publicly last Thursday, the farm containing 635 acres, bringing a total of \$132,397 or an average of \$208.50 an acre.

The farm is considered to be about the best in the county, many acres of which is virgin soil and all well adapted for the growing of tobacco.

Captain Am Bourne, one of the best auctioneers in the county and few if any better in the state, "cried" the sale and did it to a queen's taste. He received as many congratulations after the sale, which was one of the most successful ever held in the county, as did the owner Mr. Hamilton. The bidding was spirited and Capt. Bourne kept them on their pins and had the farm sold within two hours.

The farm was sold in seven tracts and all these tracts were purchased by local men who knew the value of the land and what it would produce when punched.

The home place with one hundred acres and the improvements brought \$301.00 an acre. The unimproved land sold from \$200.00 to \$250.00 an acre.

After the sale of the farm the personality of Mr. Gibbs was sold by Capt. Bourne, totaling about \$6,000. The live stock and implements selling well.

OLD NEWSPAPER

Published 120 Years Ago Owned By Countyman.

One of the oldest newspapers that has ever been brought to our notice, is now in our possession, owned and prized by Mr. John Yater of this county, handed down to him for several generations back.

The paper is in a good state of preservation and was published at Kingston, Ulster County, Virginia. It is published under the name of the "Ulster County Gazette" and bears date of January 4th, 1800. It is a four column, four page paper, the inside pages being heavily bordered in black, in memory of George Washington, who had just died and whose funeral account appears in the same issue. It gives the names of the pall bearers and an interesting article of the funeral services.

A VICTORY

For Law and Order.

The re-election of Governor Calvin Coolidge, of Massachusetts, Republican, on Tuesday, in one of the greatest landslide in the history of the state, is of no small national importance.

Yesterday President Wilson took the annual step, in a telegram to Governor Coolidge, of congratulating a Governor of the opposite party on his reelection. The President's telegram reads:

"I congratulate you upon your election as a victory for law and order. When that is the issue all Americans stand together."

In reply Governor Coolidge said: "I deeply appreciate your telegram of congratulation. I trust the election will aid in the upholding of the laws of America in particular, and strengthen the hand of righteous authority everywhere."

The fact that Governor Coolidge was the leader in this victory for law and order in Massachusetts unquestionably makes him a national figure, for the reason that there is every evidence that the question of law and order will be one of the issues of the next Presidential campaign.

Indeed there is already talk of the possibility that the Governor will figure prominently as a candidate for the Presidency, or at least for the Vice Presidency.

School Taxes Due.

On December 1st, a penalty of six per cent will be added to all school taxes remaining unpaid on that date. Please remember this and call on Miss Frankie Kauffman, Treasurer of Lancaster Graded School and settle your taxes at once.

H. V. Bastin, President.
L. G. Davidson, Secretary.
11-13-21.

HUSBAND

Gets Te Worst Of It In Encounter With Wife.

In a fist fight with his wife last Sunday night, James Padgett, who lives on the farm of John Miley Amon, had his skull crushed with a stick in the hands of his wife, and now lies in a local hospital in a serious but not dangerous condition.

Mrs. Padgett, who is of the "Alvin York" type, states that she was assaulted by her husband last Sunday evening and was choking and pulling her hair, when one of her small children ran up and handed her a stick, with which she used very persuasively upon the head of her enraged husband, knocking him senseless with one blow of the stick.

He was brought to the hospital and about three inches of the skull removed. The doctors say he will recover, although at one time it looked as if the blow would prove fatal.

Mrs. Padgett was taken before Judge Stapp and placed under an \$800.00 bond which several bystanders gladly signed and she was sent to the home of her parents.

She is twenty eight years old and the husband sixty. They have five small children.

KENTUCKY ORPHANS HOME

Doing Well in Old Garrard County.

The total amount given by Garrard County to the Kentucky Orphans Home Society to date is \$1847.65. The following additional collections are reported since last week.

Sycamore School, Miss Ida Hurt, teacher, \$60.00. This contribution is a remarkable one as the district is not large and the school and teacher deserve great credit. It is the largest single contribution by a rural school.

Paint Lick Presbyterian Church \$1.00 additional, making \$51.25 in all.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS:
Nina School, Miss Ann Scrivner, \$35.05 additional, making \$55.05 in all.

Orchard Grove School, Miss Irene Aldridge, teacher, \$10.48.

The total amount given by Paint Lick to the Kentucky Orphans Home was \$115.80.

Bourne School, Miss Mattie Bourne, teacher, \$8.00.

Bright Bend School Miss Ina Bowling, \$37.15.

MORE SUCCESS

Swinebroad Still Selling 'em

The Series of Auction Sales as advertised by Swinebroad, the real estate man, was successful from every standpoint; the Mercer county farms selling as follows: On the 7th, he sold the farm of J. A. Conn of 85 acres to J. E. Henderson of Fayette, for \$264.75 an acre and on the same day 113 acres for A. W. Curd to John Curd, of Mercer county, for \$153.00 per acre.

On the 8th, 102 acres for J. W. Jones to Thos. Gritton, of Fayette, for \$247.50 an acre and on the same day 142 acres for A. Gillispie to Wm. Beckham, for \$276.50 per acre.

On the 11th, 210 acres for J. W. Baker to C. B. White, of Mercer, for \$293.00 an acre.

CITY PROPERTY

At Public Auction.

In one block of the Public Square in Lancaster, I will sell at Public Auction,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, '19 At Two O'Clock.

The Brick Residence and Building lots of the late Mrs. Mary Lackey.

Everybody knows this property. An absolute sale without reserve or limit.

The Residence fronting on Danville street and the building lots fronting on Paulding Street.

See SWINEBROAD, the Real Estate Man or Walton E. Moss, for further information.

At the same time and place Miss Jennie Lackey will sell a lot of personality and some antique furniture.

WANTED:—About forty head of 1000 pound feeding cattle.
J. E. Robinson.

BIG EVENT

Fair And Auto Show Next Week.

Great Thing for County

Everybody should help boost the Tobacco and Corn Fair which will be held the last of next week, beginning Thursday and lasting throughout the week.

The management of the association have gone to an enormous expense and they should and doubtless will have the hearty co-operation of every citizen of the town and county. Over \$1,300 is being spent on the interior decorations alone, which is being done this week, preparatory for the exhibits which are expected by the first of the week. Already nearly fifty booth have been sold. Practically every merchant in the town and county having contracted for one.

The premium list is large and the prizes are well worth trying for. Garrard county has always raised the banner tobacco of the state and we look for her to carry away most of the honors in this class. The prizes offered in the corn classes are very attractive and should insure a large number of entries.

Smittie's famous military band of Cincinnati, has been secured at a heavy expense and concerts will be given throughout the day as well as every night. Delightful programs have been arranged for the evenings and we predict that the best crowds will come out to the night shows.

The premium list is printed elsewhere in this issue and if you haven't read it, do so now and send some entries for some of the several classes offered.

"She Walked In Her Sleep."

A. S. Stern and Company in association with George Broadhurst, will present at the Lexington Opera House, Friday and Saturday, November 14th and 15th, Saturday matinee. In the successful farce, "She Walked In Her Sleep", Mark Swan, his clever author, has selected for his heroine a young and pretty girl somnambulist, lost in a big hotel in New York. As might be expected this experienced author has taken advantage of all the imaginary possibilities of what might happen if a beautiful and young woman afflicted with somnambulism should walk through any large hotel late at night chances are that the young woman clad only in her night gown. The would have a much more exciting time than can be shown within stage limitations, but the author, associated with A. S. Stern and Co, and George Broadhurst, the producers and abetted by an excellent company are quoted as having sufficiently given ample justice to the author's clever idea. Playgoers of this city will have an opportunity to see for themselves and judge what its clever author has carried out in the coming engagement which will be made at the Lexington Opera House.

Robinson.

Many people in this county, both relatives and friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Clara Robinson, who died at the home of her daughter, in Gainesville, Texas, on Monday night November 3rd.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. Alex Anderson by his first marriage and was married to Mr. William Robinson of this county and who lived for many years near Bryantsville in this county. To this union was born five girls and one boy. Mr. Robinson having died during the civil war, the responsibility was thrown upon the widow to rear the children, which she did and gave them all a splendid education.

The following we clip from the Gainesville Texas paper:

"Mrs. Clara Robinson, aged 92 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Garnett, on South Denton street, last night at 9 o'clock."

Mrs. Robinson had been feeble on account of her advanced age, for several years. She was a native of Kentucky, but came to Texas many years ago to reside with her daughters. She was a consistent and active member of the Christian church since girlhood. Mrs. Robinson had a host of friends among the old settlers of this city and county. She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. J. H. Garnett, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Mrs. E. H. Campbell and Mrs. C. H. Padlock of Paducah, Cal. and Mrs. John A. Hann of Denton, as well as by a number of grand-children and several great grand-children."

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Conducted By Legion Post.

First Anniversary Of Armistice Observed

By Immense Gathering.

The Auditorium of the Lancaster Graded School building was filled to its capacity last Tuesday night, with soldiers, sailors, relatives and friends and the patriotic people of the community, met to celebrate the signing of the armistice one year ago on this date.

The meeting was given under the auspices of the Heidal Sanford Post of the American Legion and was conducted by this body.

The musical program was under the direction of Mrs. May Hughes Nealand and proved to be the most delightful of this character ever held in the city. Brady's Orchestra, of Stanford added materially to the entertainment of the evening and was greeted by prolonged applause from the audience. Miss Amy Dawes delighted the audience with her performance on the violin and the encores she received brought her back to the stage for the third time.

The male quartet composed of Allen Johnson, Charlie Doty, Jack Whittaker and John M. Farra, enthused the crowd with several songs.

Dr. Virgil Kinnaird, Commander of the Post, was chairman of the meeting and did his work splendidly, opening the services with an invocation by Rev. F. L. Palmeter.

Commander Kinnaird gave an instructive talk to the soldiers telling them what it meant to them to become members of the Local Post and how much it meant to the community. After his talk many names were added to the roster, which in the near future they hope to include every soldier that donned the uniform in Garrard County.

But the hit of the evening was made by our own "Billy" Miller who delivered the welcome address and did it in a manner that would have done credit to one much older in years and experience. His masterly address received unbounded applause paying a beautiful tribute to those that gave their lives and to the mothers of the boys who donned the uniform to protect the flag of democracy against that of autocracy.

He was followed by an address by Judge L. L. Walker, who spoke of the importance of the American Legion and what it would mean to the citizens of the United States and earnestly urged that every returned soldier should become a member.

Rev. H. S. Hudson made an earnest plea for the Third Roll Call membership of the American Red Cross. All in all it was one of the most enjoyable events that has taken place in Lancaster in many months and will long be remembered by those that were fortunate to be present.

FRANK PUMPHREY.

Elected Councilman at Somerset.

It is very gratifying to friends of Mr. Frank Pumphrey who live in Lancaster to hear of his recent election as Councilman at Somerset where he has made his home for the past ten years or more.

It is also a source of satisfaction to us to know that Frank started his printing career in the office of the Central Record and we are just as proud of his promotion as "Uncle Bill" who has this to say of him;

"The elevation of a printer to a seat in the council chambers is very gratifying to the editor of The Commonwealth. Mr. Pumphrey has made this old town his home for years, and after working with him and knowing the man as we do, no better selection could have been made. If he makes as good a city official as he is a printer, he will serve the city in a way that every citizen that voted for him will feel proud of having placed him at the head of city affairs from the First Ward. Personally, The Commonwealth force is delighted."

More Pies

There will be a Pie Supper at the West Point school house, tomorrow (Friday) night at seven o'clock. The proceeds of this supper will go to the Kentucky Orphan's Home. Come everybody and help this good cause.